

The Council For Tobacco Research — U.S.A., Inc.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

I. General Policy

The Council for Tobacco Research—U.S.A., Inc. (The Council) is dedicated to supporting the investigation of fundamental matters relating to a connection between tobacco use and human health. In so doing, The Council recognizes the importance of independent research by competent investigators. Grants are made only after careful consideration of the individual undertaking the work and his or her institution.

The Council desires to have scientists work with the greatest freedom, without domination of any kind. It will make no attempt to direct the administration of a project once started, to influence its course or to control its results, other than to assure itself that funds are properly expended for the purposes of the grant and that all findings are reported in accordance with the best scientific practice.

II. Payments and Budgets

Depending on the amount of the grant, payments will be made quarterly or semi-annually, in advance, to the institution at which research is being conducted.

Without specific permission from The Council, grants may not be transferred from one institution to another, due to a change in affiliation of the principal investigator.

A grant may be terminated by the grantee prior to its normal expiration date upon notification to The Council with a statement of the reasons for the termination.

Budgets are presumed to be accurate at the time of issuance of a grant. However, if for unforeseen reasons, a reapportionment of funds is needed, the Council will consider a written request justifying any changes. Transfer of funds in order to purchase additional permanent equipment is not allowed.

At the time of expiration of a grant or in the event of its termination, unexpended funds shall be returned to The Council.

III. Reports

Grantees are to furnish a report of activities annually; detailed instructions are provided in the application forms. At the conclusion of a project a detailed report in writing is also expected by The Council.

An expenditure report must be made by the grantee's institution annually, on forms supplied by The Council.

IV. Publication and Public Information

The Council advocates that investigators present their research results only in accepted medical and scientific journals or before accepted medical or scientific societies. It has no objection to dissemination to the public of any or all final conclusions from projects in these ways. Published reports emanating from Council-supported projects are expected to carry acknowledgement of that support.

Information from a grantee's annual or final reports to The Council is never released publicly without permission of the investigator.